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Dear Sir,

Second Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement

This is further to the Information Disclosure Statement and Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement dated April 27, 2000 and May 8, 2000, respectively.

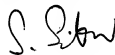
Applicants have received an International Search Report dated September 17, 2001 (copy attached), for the International Patent Application claiming priority from the present U.S. application. This document cites references that were not included in the previously-filed Information Disclosure Statements. Accordingly, these references are listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 for the Examiner's consideration and copies of all the listed references are enclosed.

This statement is not to be interpreted as a representation that the cited publications are material. Nor shall the citation of a publication herein be construed *per se* as a representation

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No additional costs are believed to be due in connection with the filing of this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement. If, however, this belief is in error and a fee is due in respect of this submission, it may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 17-0110.

Respectfully submitted

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S. Scribner", written in a cursive style.

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